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SUBJ: ELECTIONS TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING COUNCIL OF ESCAP
REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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1. A DIVERTING SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED IN THE ELECTIONS TO THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WHICH PITS THE SOVIET CANDIDACY AGAINST
THE LAST MINUTE COOK ISLANDS ENTRY, RESULTING IN SHARP DEBATE AND
CLUMSY SOVIET ESCAP DIPLOMACY.

2. COMMISSION SESSION OPENED WITH THE FIVE PERMANENT SEATS
RESERVED FOR HOST COUNTRIES ACCOUNTED FOR PLUS 10 OTHER COUNTRIES
SIGNIFYING THEIR CANDIDACY. THEY WERE AUSTRALIA, INDIA, REPUBLIC
OF KOREA, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, USSR, INDONESIA, NETHERLANDS,
BANGLADESH AND NEPAL. LOST OF NOMINATIONS CLOSED MONDAY NOON,
25 APRIL. WE ARE INFORMED THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS SUPPORT-
ED BY AUSTRALIA AND NETHERLANDS PERSUADED THE COOK ISLANDS TO
ENTER THE RACE AT THE LAST MOMENT BRINGING THE TOTAL CANDIDATES
TO 16 FOR 15 SEATS. THEIR BACKSTAGE PLOY WAS AIMED TO BRING IN A
REGIONAL PACIFIC COUNTRY FOR GEOGRAPHIC REASONS AND TO ELIMINATE
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THE NON-REGIONAL SOVIETS WHO MAKE NO CONTRIBUTION TO ESCAP. (THE
DUTCH ARE NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS BUT THEY CONTRIBUTE).

3. THE SOVIETS ARE ANGRY AND IN PRIVATE MEETINGS HAVE
REMONSTRATED VIGOROUSLY SINCE THEY HAVE STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO
GET ELECTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. THE AUSTRALIAN REP AT ONE
POINT GUARANTEED THE SOVIETS A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL IF THEY

CONTRIBUTED U.S. \$500,000 TO ESCAP IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY. THE SOVIET DISMAY IS ONLY MATCHED BY THE PRC DELEGATION'S DELIGHT OVER THIS CONTRETEMPS. SOVIET EMBARRASSMENT WILL BE ACUTE IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY, THEY LOSE THE SEAT IN SECRET BALLOT AND BECAUSE THE PRESS IS WAITING TO PUBLICIZE THE DEFEAT.

4. THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN ARGUING VIGOROUSLY THAT ALL SIXTEEN CANDIDATES SHOULD NOW BE SELECTED FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL RATHER THAN TO HOLD A SECRET BALLOT ELECTION. THE RUDE AND HEAVY HANDED REMARKS THEY HAVE MADE IN THIS REGARD APPEAR TO HAVE DAMAGED THEIR PROSPECTS.

5. THE SOVIETS HAD EARLIER STUBBED THEIR TOE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BY NOMINATING MONGOLIA FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. THEIR MOTION WAS RECEIVED IN TOTAL SILENCE, AS NO ONE SECONDED THE NOMINATION.
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